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1. NATIONAL DAILY KOMPAS EDITORIAL JANUARY 6 COMMENTS
ON U.S. ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS UNDER CARTER
ADMINISTRATION. EXCERPTS FOLLOW:

2. QTE ... LEADERS OF MANY COUNTRIES HOPE FOR QUICK
ACTION ON THE PART OF JIMMY CARTER ...

3. QTE A STATE OF TRANSITION HAS EXISTED SINCE
PRESIDENT FORD WAS DEFEATED BY CARTER LAST NOVEMBER.
THE EFFECT OF THE SITUATION IS FELT ACUTELY BECAUSE
THE WORLD HAD BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO THE ROLE OF
KISSINGER, WHO WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED EVERYWHERE, AND
BECAUSE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ISSUES ARE AT CRUCIAL
POINTS OF DEVELOPMENT.

4. QTE THE PROCESS REQUIRES A U.S. ROLE. THE WORLD
IS REALLY INTERDEPENDENT, BUT WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR
NOT, WE HAVE TO SEE THAT THE ROLE OF A SUPERPOWER LIKE
THE U.S. IS DECISIVE.

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5. QTE IN HIS OWN COUNTRY THE EMERGENCE OF THE
GEORGIA FARMER IS LOOKED UPON AS THE OFFERING OF NEW
POSSIBILITIES AND HOPES BECAUSE HE IS IN CONCORD WITH
THE MOOD OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY TODAY. DO WORLD
LEADERS WELCOME THE NEW PRESIDENT WITH THE SAME
ATTITUDE?

6. QTE BIG HOPES CARRY TWO POSSIBILITIES. FIRST, A BIGGER POTENTIAL FOR SUCCESS, BUT ALSO A BIGGER DISAPPOINTMENT WHEN HE APPEARS TO HAVE FAILED OR HAS NOT MET EXPECTATIONS.

7. QTE THERE ARE... PROBLEMS AWAITING A FINAL SETTLEMENT. WE ARE ALL FAMILIAR WITH THEM AND THEY ARE ALREADY ON THE AGENDA OF THE CARTER GOVERNMENT.

8. QTE THE WORLD BEFORE CARTER IS A WORLD OF CHANGE. IT IS SAID THAT, LIKE CARTER, GERALD FORD IS HONEST AND TRUSTWORTHY. YET THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CHOSE CARTER BECAUSE, BESIDES BEING HONEST AND TRUSTWORTHY, THE GEORGIA FARMER ALSO PROMISED CHANGE. HERE THERE IS A SIMILARITY BETWEEN THE WORLD AND CARTER. BOTH ASPIRE TO CHANGE ENDQTE. ENDUSINFO.
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